

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Callaghan et al. Confirmation No.: 7311
Serial No: 09/050,841 Examiner: T. Tran
Filed: 03/30/98 Group Art Unit: 2161
Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
 SHARING STATE INFORMATION ACROSS DOMAINS

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

The attached Continued Prosecution Application and this Preliminary Amendment are being submitted subsequent to applicants' filing of a Notice of Appeal on December 19, 2000. A one month extension of time is thus enclosed herewith, and thus this paperwork is timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, prior to examination of the above-referenced application.